GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Disaster Management System
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether our disaster management system is capable to handle the situation ifthere is any untoward happening in nuclear plants of the country;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether there is any proposal to setup helipads/small aerodromes near the all nuclear plants of the country for speedy evacuation of the public, if necessary; and

(d)if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (Dr. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b)A detailed emergency preparedness plan in line with the guidelines of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) is put in place at each of the nuclear power plant sites before start of their operation. Periodic emergency exercises are carried out to validate the plans and make improvements based on the feedback, if any.

(c)&(d)There are presently no proposals for setting up aerodromes/helipads near nuclear power plants. However, a few helipads already exist at some of the nuclear power plant sites.

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